

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1187442**

**Report of the Trustees and**

**Financial Statement**

**For the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**for**

**WELLINGTON AND DUMMER RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION**  
**INCORPORATING CARRIAGE DRIVING**

Issue 1 : 27 October 2025

**Wellington and Dummer Riding For The Disabled Association Incorporating Carriage Driving**

**Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**Reference and Administrative Details**

**For the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

<b>TRUSTEES</b>	Mrs C L Beswick	Chair
	Mrs P A Willats	
	Mrs J P Matson	Treasurer
	Miss S J Weston	Secretary
	Mr K Hall	
	Mr H T Matthewson	Until 04/04/24
	Ms K A Stevens	From 03/08/24

**REGISTERED ADDRESS**

Paddock Lodge  
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Basingstoke  
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**CHARITY STATUS**

Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

**Wellington and Dummer Riding For The Disabled Association Incorporating Carriage Driving**

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**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and Aims**

Provides facilities to promote the objectives of The Riding for the Disabled Association incorporating Carriage Driving a charity registered under charity number 244108 ("RDA") by providing people with the opportunity to ride and/or carriage driving to benefit their health and well-being in the Basingstoke area.

Wellington and Dummer Riding for the Disabled Group is an independent charity operating under the umbrella, and with the support of RDA National Office. National Office provides no routine financial support.

**Significant Activities**

The activities that contribute to the Charity's aims are carried out at two locations:

Paddock Lodge	and	Wellington Riding
Farleigh Lane		Heckfield
Dummer		Hook
Basingstoke		Hampshire
Hampshire		RG27 0LJ
RG25 2AF		

and provide the means for people to ride at the level of their ability, choice and ambition. This Group does not provide carriage driving lessons.

Paddock Lodge is the home and property of one of the Group's Trustee/Coaches and the riding facilities are provided rent free to the Group.

Wellington Riding is a commercial stables and riding school which provided stabling for one of the group's ponies on a working livery basis and indoor riding facilities for Group activities on payment of a small fee.

**Public Benefits**

The Group has continued with the existing format, keeping the highest possible standards to offer riding, dressage, groundwork, proficiency tests, endeavour awards and horse care tuition. The Group also supports a number of individuals seeking their Duke of Edinburgh Awards at bronze and silver levels.

## Wellington and Dummer Riding For The Disabled Association Incorporating Carriage Driving

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A total of 37 riders, with ages ranging from 5-75, have been supported during the year 2024-2025, this is an increase of 2 compared with the year 2023-2024. A total of 740 person/sessions were delivered during the year. There remains a strong demand for places for riders and in order to increase availability, Saturday lessons at Dummer continue to be fortnightly to allow two groups of riders to alternate.

Wellington & Dummer RDA Group supports riders with a wide range of physical and intellectual disabilities including conditions such as autism, global learning delay, cerebral palsy, Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, ADHD, Down Syndrome, partially sighted, transplant, Spina Bifida, Frasers Syndrome, Nemaline Myopathy, dyslexia, spastic paraparesis, myotonic dystrophy.

The group continues to support Hippotherapy sessions at Dummer. Hippotherapy is a form of physical therapy which uses the natural gait and movement of a horse to provide motor and sensory input. Hippotherapy can help with strengthening and stretching muscles and with balance. Three riders have benefitted from this activity this year.

At the end of the reporting year the Group owns four ponies.

#### **Role and Contribution of Volunteers**

Wellington & Dummer RDA Group has no paid staff and is totally dependent on 4 volunteer coaches and an additional 22 active volunteers, this is a decrease of 5 active volunteers compared with the year 2023-2024.

During the reporting period the following long service milestones were reached by volunteers

- 1 x 15 years volunteering
- 1 x 10 years volunteering

#### **Charitable Activities**

All our activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes, as set out in our charitable objectives and aims.

#### **Key Activities**

End of Term parties were held in July and December which included the presentation of rider achievement certificates and volunteer long service certificates.

A Training Day for volunteers was held before the start of the September term.



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On 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025, one of the group's ponies, Alfie, was put to sleep by the veterinary surgeon. Sadly, he was diagnosed with cancer in April 2024. He was operated on, but it unfortunately can back more aggressively at the end of 2024. Alfie had helped countless adults and children to learn to ride over the ten years he was with the group.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The Income and Expenditure for the Period is attached at Annex A to this report. There has been a cash deficit of £3448.56 and an asset deficit of £7750.00. The reduction in asset values has been caused by reassessment and depreciation of group assets.

The Statement of Assets (31/3/2025) is attached at Annex B to this report.

The Wellington & Dummer RDA Group does not receive any grants or donations from Central or Local Government nor does it receive any regular contributions from RDA Headquarters.

Riders are not charged for their lessons at Dummer, and although donations are requested, they are not compulsory, as the trustees wish the facilities to be available to all.

Wellington Riding make a small charge for lessons carried out at their facility and these charges are passed on to the riders involved.

The Group is funded primarily by rider and other donations and by other fundraising.

One of the Group's ponies, Dude, is on loan at Sparsholt College Equine Centre.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing Document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document "Constitution of the Wellington and Dummer Riding for the Disabled Association Incorporating Carriage Driving (Charitable Incorporated Organisation)" approved by the Wellington and Dummer Riding for the Disabled Group Annual General Meeting held on 14 December 2019.

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

As set out in the constitution, the initial trustees were appointed by the AGM. As detailed in Clause 15(5) of the constitution, "the trustees may at any time decide to appoint a new charity trustee". During this reporting period no trustees were appointed or resigned.

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**Wider Network**

The Group maintains close contact with RDA Headquarters and with local RDA Groups to ensure training and certification is kept at a high level and that best practice is followed in all operational areas.

**Safeguarding**

The Group has a Safeguarding Officer and a Safeguarding Policy. All coaches hold Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) certificates. All other volunteers either hold Enhanced DBS certificates or are in the process of applying for certificates. In line with the current DBS process, all DBS certificate holder subscribe to the online update service which ensures that all clearances are automatically kept up to date.

Approved by order of the trustees on .....27/10/25..... and signed on their behalf

.....*CL Beswick*.....  
C L Beswick - Chair / Trustee

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**Annex A**

<b>Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31.03.2025</b>			
<b>Bank Reconciliation</b>	<b>2023/24</b>		<b>2024/25</b>
NatWest Current account	615.47		607.84
Natwest Business Reserve account	26765.21		23324.28
Cash in hand	10.00		10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27390.68</b>		<b>23942.12</b>
<b>Receipts</b>			
Bucket Collection	797.59		
Benevity (Kirstie)	363.66		399.84
Summer Party	127.14		199.00
Art Exhibition	600.00		
Tracy Nye	914.00		420.42
Other Fundraising	542.01		255.36
Wellington Riding	1945.20		1228.50
Interest	272.75		359.07
RDA South			965.00
Riders' Donations	5290.44		5292.00
Basingstoke Golf Club	5621.59		
Other Donations	3337.34		2348.76
Clothing collection			102.70
Events	180.00		
Calendars and Cards sales	51.81		315.77
Wellington Country			3800.00
Rotary Club of Deane			800.00
Wellington Riding Club			1000.00
Gemma Gideon (Tuck Shop)			151.88
Christmas Party cake sale			157.51
Gift Aid	1047.44		
	<b>21090.97</b>		<b>17795.81</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Farrier	1540.00		1410.00
Insurance	896.53		477.00
Wellington Riding	1887.94		1312.50
Arena/Paddock/Fencing	2465.00		1058.50
Feed/Bedding	3934.45		4019.60
Hydraulic Lift	350.00		192.50
Rider to exercise ponies	582.00		655.00
Pony Equipment	805.65		813.48
Stamps	36.00		88.75
Vet/Dentist/Physio	3137.46		5986.93
DBS checks	27.90		
First Aid Training			466.00
New wheel for wheelbarrow			37.28
Card Readers	69.99		
Miscellaneous			57.38
Events	1195.25		40.00
Gifts	114.60		45.47
Toilet			4583.98
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17042.77</b>		<b>21244.37</b>
<b>SUMMARY 2023/2024</b>			
Opening balance	<b>27390.68</b>	Payments	<b>21244.37</b>
Receipts	<b>17795.81</b>	Closing balance	<b>23942.12</b>
	<b>45186.49</b>		<b>45186.49</b>

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Annex B

Statement of Assets 31/03/2024

	<b>Purchase Price</b>	<b>Year Purchased</b>	<b>Value 31/03/2024</b>
<b><u>Horses</u></b>			
Tara	£3000	2013	not saleable
Chloe	£1450	2015	not saleable
Dude	£2800	2016	not saleable
Taffy	Free	2019	not saleable
<b><u>Other</u></b>			
Tack	£3800	2013-21	£1500
Hydraulic Lift	£12600	2013	£500
Toilet	£2271	2021	£250
Field shelter	£2450	2019	£200
Arena equipment	£1000	2017-2022	£200
Energisers	£750	2017-2019	£300
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£2950</b>